

REMARKS

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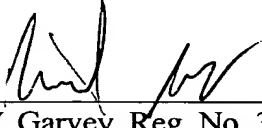
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

1 1. (amended) Custom-moulded ear-plug device with at least one acousto-
2 electric converter [and/]or at least one electro-acoustic converter[, each with] having
3 an acoustic[e] input or[, respectively,] output[, which input or output is] connected via
4 an acoustic conductor to a coupling port on [the] an outer surface of the custom-
5 moulded ear-plug shell, characterized in that the said acoustic conductor is in the form
6 of a channel extending through, and bounded by, [the] material of the custom-
7 moulded ear-plug shell.

1 2.(amended) Custom-moulded ear-plug device as in claim 1, characterized in
2 that, over its length, the channel features varying cross-sectional dimensions [and/] or
3 shapes.

1 4.(amended) Custom-moulded ear-plug device as in one of the claims 1 to [3]
2 2, characterized in that, over at least a substantial segment of its length, the channel
3 extends essentially parallel to the outer surface of the custom-moulded ear-plug
4 device.

1 5. (amended) Custom-moulded ear-plug device as in one of the claims 1 to [4]
2 2, characterized in that the custom-moulded ear-plug device is a hearing aid.

1 6. (amended) Custom-moulded ear-plug device as in one of the claims 1 to [5]
2 2, characterized in that the custom-moulded ear-plug device is an in-ear hearing aid
3 and that the channel is part of a venting system for the ear drum.

1 7. (amended) Custom-moulded ear-plug device as in one of the claims 1 to [6]
2 2, characterized in that at least certain segments of at least two of the signal-carrying
3 channels extends in parallel fashion.